

Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors

June 2011 Update

- 1) The Board's LPCC regulation package that established LPCC related fees was approved by the Office of Administrative Law on May 24, 2011. With the approval of this regulation package, the Board may legally begin accepting applications for LPCC licensure and intern registration. However, the Board must first receive legal approval of all licensure related forms, including applications for registration and licensure. The Board projects that applications will be available for individuals seeking registration and licensure by July 5, 2011. PLEASE SEE THE UPDATE BELOW ON THE GRANDPARENTING PERIOD.
- 2) At its May 18-19, 2011, meeting, the Board approved the following LPCC-related actions:
 - Submit draft language to the legislature for Board sponsored legislation to extend the "Grandparenting" period to December 31, 2011.
 - Accept the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Examination for LPCC licensure.
 - Submit legislative amendments to repeal BPC 4999.56 and 4999.101 and make conforming amendments to BPC Sections 4999.102 and 4999.104. These amendments would repeal the requirement for individuals granted an LPCC license during the grandparenting period that do not have an MFT or LCSW license to annually renew their license and be subject to further examinations.
 - Submit legislative amendments for Board sponsored legislation that would allow applicants seeking licensure during the grandparenting period to obtain the required supervised hours of experience under a "professional clinical counselor, or equivalent."

For a PDF version of the May 18-19, 2011, Board meeting materials, please visit the Board's "Meetings" web page at www.bbs.ca.gov/bd_activity/bd_mtgs.shtml.

- 3) **CHANGES TO THE GRANDPARENTING PERIOD**
All changes to the grandparenting period noted above, including the extension of the application period from June 30, 2011 to December 31, 2011, **will not go into effect until, and if, legislation is signed into law by the Governor.** HOWEVER, the Board will make LPCC application forms available to applicants upon legal approval of the forms, regardless of the status of the legislation to extend the grandparenting period.

Please continue to check the Board's Web site for future updates relating to LPCC implementation.